

City of Rowlett

Meeting Minutes

City Council

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Tuesday, January 6, 2015

6:15 P.M.

Municipal Building – 4000 Main Street

As authorized by Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code, this meeting may be convened into closed Executive Session for the purpose of seeking confidential legal advice from the City Attorney on any agenda item herein.

The City of Rowlett reserves the right to reconvene, recess or realign the Regular Session or called Executive Session or order of business at any time prior to adjournment.

Present: Mayor Gottel, Mayor Pro Tem Gallops, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Pankratz, Councilmember Bobbitt, Councilmember Dana-Bashian, Councilmember Sheffield and Councilmember van Bloemendaal

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Gottel called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

2. EXECUTIVE SESSION (6:15 P.M.)* Times listed are approximate.

- 2A.** The City Council shall convene into Executive Session pursuant to the Texas Government Code, §551.072 (Real Estate) and §551.071 (Consultation with Attorney) to receive legal advice from the City Attorney and discuss the purchase of real property located at 5702 Rowlett Road, incident to the Rowlett Public Library transition plan. (15 minutes)

Council convened in Executive Session at 6:15 p.m. Out at 6:29 p.m.

3. WORK SESSION (6:30 P.M.)*

- 3A.** Discuss the relocation of existing the Chamber of Commerce building to provide City Council a status update regarding the Request for Proposals submitted on January 6, 2015. (30 minutes)

Marc Kurbansade, Director of Development Services, reviewed Council's considerations in reaching the determination to relocate the Chamber building. He reviewed the schedule for the work to be done along with a concept plan of what it will look like once completed. Responses to the RFP were received January 6, 2015, and will be reviewed and presented to Council at the January 13, 2015 meeting.

- 3B.** Discuss the purchase of a replacement fire engine, a replacement ladder truck (quint), and the refurbishment of Engine 3 and Quint 1 for Rowlett Fire Rescue. (30 minutes)

Neil Howard, Fire Chief, presented the proposal for refurbishing two trucks versus straight purchasing – along with the cost savings. He reviewed the benefits of the proposal of standardization and increased response capabilities. It was the consensus of Council to proceed with this proposal. It will be presented for consideration at an upcoming meeting.

4. DISCUSS CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Council took a short break at 7:13 p.m.

CONVENE INTO THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS (7:30 P.M.)*

Council reconvened in Regular Session at 7:30 p.m.

INVOCATION – Mayor Gottel

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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5. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

- 5A.** Hear presentation of the Monthly Financial report for the period ending November 30, 2014.

Alan Guard, Chief Financial Officer, presented the report.

- 5B.** Update from the City Council and Management: Financial Position, Major Projects, Operational Issues, Upcoming Dates of Interest and Items of Community Interest.

Mayor Gottel announced the following: Next Regular Council meetings will be held on Tuesday, January 20th – “State of the City” Presented and a Special Council meeting will be held Tuesday, January 13th in City Hall. Upcoming Planning and Zoning Commission meetings will be Tuesday, January 13th and 27th, held in the Annex Conference Room at 6pm. CIP (COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM) TASK FORCE: January meetings – held today, Tuesday, January 6th at 4:30pm. Joint meeting with Council on Tuesday, January 13th in City Hall. Tentative Work Session scheduled for January 20th. 2015 Bond Election set for May 9, 2015 – \$25M of Community Investment Projects – NO TAX INCREASE! TWICE A MONTH LANDSCAPE WATERING – *Watering once every other week still in effect!* ANIMAL SHELTER: Low Cost Vaccine Clinics Saturday, January 17th from 1:00 – 3:00pm at 4402 Industrial Street. *Normal Business Hours, Monday – Friday, 10am – 5pm, Saturday, 10:00am – 5pm.* Rowlett Parks & Recreation Department is looking for teens (8th – 11th grade) to join the “Teens Advisory Council”. Fill out an application at the Community Centre and turn in by Friday, January 9th at 5pm. Upcoming Events: Little Sweetheart Dance – Saturday, January 31st, 7 – 9pm at the RCC, \$40 per couple. Check out all the programs listed in the Lakeside Leisure or at www.rowlett.com on the Parks Department page: Parents Day Out, Little Athletes, SAT Prep Course, Senior Programs

and many, many more! Upcoming Events at the Rowlett Public Library: Arts and Humanities 14th Annual Young Artists Contest & Exhibit – Submit all entries to the Library on Saturday, January 10th between 10am and noon. For more information, visit the Arts and Humanities Commission webpage at rowlett.com. Homeschooling Programs , Family Saturday Crafts and Games, TechEd Programs and many more = Check online or with the Library for dates and times at rowlett.com or 972.412.6161. CITY OFFICES CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY: Monday, January 19th.

The Rowlett Parks and Recreation Department is one step closer to fulfilling its mission to rebuild Kids Kingdom. We have chosen playground design firm Play by Design to lead us on our journey to rebuild our beloved playground in Pecan Grove Park. We anticipate that this project will be very similar to the original project that was done in 1998 which involved a Design Day, Volunteers, Fundraising and a Build Week. This will serve as an opportunity for the citizens of Rowlett to exhibit community pride at its best.

The Design Day is scheduled for Friday January 16, 2015, which involves the unveiling of a conceptual design of what our Kids Kingdom will look like. This design will be inspired by the children of Rowlett. We are pleased to collaborate with 13 of the schools in the local area which include the following: Back Elementary, Cullins Elementary, Dorsey Elementary, Herfurth Elementary, Genesis Christian Ed, Keeley Elementary, Liberty Grove, Pearson Elementary, Rockwall Christian Academy, Rowlett Elementary, Rowlett Christian Academy, Steadham Elementary, and Stephens Elementary).

The Design Day will involve the children drawing pictures of how they would like for the new Kids Kingdom look. Those pictures will be turned in to the Designers prior to January 16, 2015, and on the 16th the Designers will meet with the children at their schools and discuss their drawings. On the evening of Friday, January 16th all of the children and families are invited to come to the unveiling of their design at the Rowlett High School starting at 6:00pm. This will be a festive event with all of the children's drawings put on display, playground song performances and a step performance by our children.

We are inviting the community to come out to the Rowlett High School on Friday, January 16, 2015, at 6:00pm and be a part of this monumental event and sign up to be a volunteer or donor in rebuilding our Kids Kingdom.

For more information, please visit the City's website www.rowlett.com. Also if you are interested in volunteering please email us at KidsKingdom@rowlett.com and leave your contact information. Councilmember Bobbitt announced that volunteers are needed on 1/15 from 9 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., 1/16 from 9 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. and 1/16 from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. Those interested in volunteering at these times may email her directly at dbobbitt@rowlett.com.

6. CITIZENS' INPUT

There were no speakers.